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*W.H. Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1923*

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*My dear Mr. Clarke,*

Thank you so much for yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> re Gustav Solder and our friend Brewster. Your injunction as to the yellow sheet has been followed by destroying it after reading.

I wrote Lieb about this case and his reply is that Solder was head draughtsman at G. F. Scheffler says the same, so I replied to Brewster, simply asking forgiveness if anything in my letter of Sept 25<sup>th</sup> gave umbrage to either Miss Soder or himself, but that I only stated facts as they appeared on our records, facts I would be only too pleased to change IF they were erroneous.

Told him our records were of a man named Gustav Solder, who once was Supt of the machine works at Gouck St, and later with the Merch Chemical Co., and asked him if they were one & the same - to ask Miss Soder if she recalled these incidents in her father's career? If my reply indicates it is Gustav, and the incidents agree with her records, then how about the change



of name from Solder to Soder, and why did the old ones lie to her like he did? I can't destroy her faith in her father by saying anything about this, so shall never refer to it, neither to herself nor Brewster. If the Executive Committee so directs, she's entitled to Descendant Membership by virtue of her father's record, but they and they only have the power in accordance with the By-Laws.

The girl may be "sitting with grief" that her statement was not accepted as authentic, as Brewster states, and he may "want to pull the liar's nose" for giving me contra information. Perhaps his interest is deeper than that of mere platonic friendship - I don't know, but certainly I shall take no action until the matter is settled, and rightfully so. I know Brewster of old, and he can't trap me into any discussion.

I've written Geo. F. Morrison, J. W. Howell, and Saml. Druell re the developments at Druells, and if any or all of these don't act after the reading of those letters, there's no shame left in the world. That property has got to be saved to us, and I'm going to do my damndest to bring it about.

My kindest wishes to you and yours, and the same to Mr. Andrews.

Wilson Howell sails for California the 26<sup>th</sup> for the winter. I've given him Jim Hightkiper's and Bessie Lawson's addresses.

Sincerely Yours  
J. M. Wardlaw.